

Remarks

Applicant requests an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for response to the office action mailed on September 3, 2004. Any late fees due are to be charged to the deposit account 502,083 of the agent, Mark Nowotarski, of the applicant.

The applicant thanks the examiner for the courtesy extended during the phone interview of February 15, 2005. During said interview, the examiner affirmed that the applicant provided persuasive arguments that original claim 3 should not be rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lange, US patent 4,998,320, pointing out that Lange does not disclose a brake disk adapted to brake the wheel of a caster. Applicant formally presents said argument herein along with additional arguments and amendments to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance.